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Partly cloudy with a high of 89 and a low of 62.

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Few showers with a high of 84 and a low of 63.

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Mostly cloudy with a high of 84 and a low of 59.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 82 and a low of 56.

## verbatim

"I'll be long gone from here, and you will be having kids."

Rick Hurley

## 'I Have Made Some Mistakes. I'm Human.'

### Sexual Assault Stories Contribute To Honor Council President's Resignation

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH  
News Editor

Honor Council President John Hardin resigned his position in front of the Board of Visitors on Friday and withdrew from the college for one semester, partly because of stories that he had sex with a student last semester while she was intoxicated and unconscious.

The Honor Council, already backed up with about 10 cases to try this year, now must scramble to have a campus-wide election for a new president.

Hardin, 21, said that stories of his alleged sexual misconduct made it difficult to head the Honor Council.

"I believe that some people lost respect for me because of rumors," Hardin said. "I think there is a strong sentiment that I have made some mistakes in the past."

"I think that a person should be given the opportunity to be judged on their word and on their own merits," he added.

The woman, who asked that her name be withheld in this article, said that the incident occurred last spring after Hardin was elected to Honor Council. She said they had been drinking, and after she passed out, she woke up and found him having sex with her in a dorm. She went to the hospital the next day and filed a police report while there, but she declined to press charges, either through the school or the court.

"I've decided that as of right now, I don't have any interest in filing charges," she said. "I didn't have any choice that night, but everything that has happened since has been my choice. I don't want to be responsible for ruining John's life, nor do I feel like putting the college community through such turmoil."

When asked if he had engaged in sexual misconduct, Hardin would only say, "I've made some mistakes. I'm human."

Hardin declined to comment further except to say that the police report that was filed was a misunderstanding.

"All the steps were taken to correct that," Hardin said. The victim said that Hardin apologized.

"I know that John has had a very difficult time with this," she said. "I know he is sorry he did this, but he is mainly sorry because it has ruined his reputation."

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President William Anderson with Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine.

Juliette Gomez/Bullet

## Lieutenant Governor Rallies For Bonds Governor Mark Warner Cancels MWC Appearance

By LINDSAY BEATON  
Assistant News Editor

Mary Washington College held a rally Tuesday morning in front of Lee Hall to promote awareness of and support for a higher education bond referendum, which will be voted for on Nov. 5.

The bond, if passed, will provide nearly \$18.5 million to Mary Washington College for various renovation and improvement projects, and will make available \$900 million for all public colleges and universities throughout Virginia.

Lt. Governor Tim Kaine was the main speaker at the rally, promoting the referendum in place of Governor Mark Warner, who was unable to attend himself.

"This is something that's critical to the Commonwealth of Virginia," Kaine said, addressing the assembled listeners from his podium. "It's about more than just buildings. It's about you."

The money allotted to the college will go towards renovations on four academic buildings: Chandler, Trinkle,

duPont and Monroe Halls, as well as improvements on Lee Hall and Dodd Auditorium.

A sum of \$2.2 million will be put towards the academic buildings to modernize the classrooms with the installation of overhead projectors and computers and general upgrades of all classrooms and offices. Monroe will receive an additional \$4 million for a new heating, air conditioning and ventilation system, in addition to new windows, flooring, lighting, paint and furnishings. The hope is that the renovations will improve the reputation of the college and bring higher ratings in the future.

"Mary Washington needs to maintain its academic reputation," said Teresa Mannix, the assistant director of News and Information Services at the college.

"Let's bring Mary Washington College into the 21<sup>st</sup> century," Kaine said.

About \$10.4 million will go towards the renovation and expansion of Lee Hall to create a "one-stop-shop" for students. Mannix said Lee Hall will hold all the offices related to student services and some general rearranging.

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## Masters Of Education Program Not Quite Dead Yet

### Washington Post Mistakenly Reported That Budget Problems Forced College To Turn Away 600 Students

By TERESA GEARY  
Staff Writer

The Sept. 4 edition of The Washington Post reported that Mary Washington College turned away 600 applicants for a Master's of Education program at the school's James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies. Mary Washington College's President William Anderson was quoted in the article saying, "We simply don't have the faculty to teach those classes."

However, college officials assert that contrary to the article, the James Monroe Center has not turned any qualified applicants away this fall semester. According to Martin Wilder, vice president for Enrollment Admissions and Financial Aid, though the M.Ed. program is running at full

capacity, there is no shortage of faculty at this time.

Whether Anderson was misquoted or misinformed remains unclear. Anderson canceled an interview and would only respond to The Bulletin's questions via email. His only statement was, "The subject was the fact that we are out of space at the James Monroe Center and can't add students until we get the next building."

Amy Argersinger, staff writer for the Post said that she had no idea whether that statement was false.

"I have not heard from President Anderson or Mary Washington College that my article was inaccurate," Argersinger said. "I can't speak to your claims that this is inaccurate without speaking to the college first."

Senior Vice President for Advancement and College Relations Ron Singleton said that the college has not

requested the Post to print a correction due to the lack of outside reaction to the article.

Meta Braymer, vice president of Graduate and Professional Studies and dean of JMC faculty said the James Monroe Center received approximately 600 inquiries by adults interested in learning more about the Masters of Education program. However, not all these inquiries have submitted applications. Braymer said that if all 600 of the inquiries applied, then they would not have the faculty or facilities to accommodate the students.

Braymer said there has been steady growth with the Masters of Education program in the three years that the James Monroe Center has been in operation. In 2000, there were 57 students enrolled in the Masters of Education degree.

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## MWC Tries To Limit Copyright Violations

By PORTSIA SMITH  
Assistant News Editor

Mary Washington College limited the use of peer-to-peer file sharing last Tuesday making it harder for students to download music and movies on campus.

Downloading peer-to-peer files, specifically video and music files, have become commonplace at most colleges and universities, despite legal issues and multiple law suits filed against web sites and possibly to students.

"Students are putting themselves in more of a risk than they know," Chief Information Officer Chip German said.

This fall, Mary Washington received many notices from MediaForce, Inc., a company that tries to stop file sharing on behalf of movie



Juliette Gomez/Bullet

### A student watching Anime.

companies, alleging copyright violations by users of the college's computing systems and networks.

"Goldmember," the newest Austin Powers film, seems to be the most popular shared file at Mary Washington, German said.

The warning includes the name of the copyrighted file, where the file was downloaded and the user ID of the downloader, which allows the college to identify the person sharing the file.

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## BOV Wants To Buy High School

By CATHERINE SHIFLET  
Staff Writer

On Friday, Board of Visitors members revised the campus's master plan to include the goal of potentially buying James Monroe High School. Richard Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, presented the revision as a long-range opportunity for expansion.

"This action puts the School Board and the city on notice as to the college's interest in the property," Hurley said in a draft letter to the Board of Visitors. They unanimously approved the revision.

The college has no set plans for what to do with the property if acquired.

James Monroe High School sits adjacent to the college along Route 1 with a small creek and Rappahannock River canal as the only dividers between the buildings. Hurley believes this location is

ideal for future expansion of the college because it is such a large, undeveloped parcel.

Ranny Corbin, executive assistant to the President, said she agrees.

"The property would be a wonderful asset to the college because of its immediate proximity," she said. "Otherwise, the college is landlocked with residential development."

Hurley stresses that the college is just beginning to look at the property, especially since it has yet to go on the market. Debbie Wright, secretary for the superintendent of Fredericksburg City Schools, says the School Board has not yet decided whether it will sell the high school and seek a new site for James Monroe.

"It all depends on what happens with student enrollment," she said. "There's been a little bit of discussion [on selling the school]."

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## Police Beat

By PORTSIA SMITH  
Assistant News Editor



Sept. 19—An incident of theft occurred in Bushnell Hall at an unknown time. A female student reported that someone entered her locked room and removed the building key from her key ring. The other keys were left on the key ring and there was no sign of forced entry. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 21—Alcohol was confiscated from Jefferson Hall. A parent discovered bottles of Smirnoff Vodka, Tanqueray Gin, and Johnny Walker Red Label Scotch under a bathroom sink. The alcohol belonged to two residents who were referred to administration.

Sept. 22—At 2:30 a.m. in George Washington lot, a student noticed his CD player facelace was missing and his glove compartment was open. While searching his car, he heard a security alarm from a nearby car. He looked up and saw an individual around the age of 30 run away and drive off in a red SUV. The student drove to the campus police station to report the incident, but the red SUV could not be located. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 23—At 10:10 p.m., police said that Brian V. Zehring, 20, of Fredericksburg, was on campus again after trying to fight a student. He was issued a trespassing warning and escorted off campus.

Sept. 24—A female student from Virginia Hall reported that a male student from Jefferson Hall confronted her with derogatory names in Jefferson. After obtaining statements, both students were referred to administration for disorderly conduct, obscene language, and verbal harassment.

Sept. 25—At 7:50 a.m., a Simpson Library employee reported a suspicious individual sitting on a picnic table between Simpson Library and Melchers Hall. An individual matching the description, Damien A.

Haussing, of Lovettsville, Va., was found near College Avenue and Thornton Street. He was issued a trespassing warning and escorted off campus.

Sept. 25—An employee of the Physical Plant found a wallet while fixing the freezer in the Underground. It was turned over to the campus police and was discovered to have been reported missing in 1986 by a student. The student, known then as Karen Bell, was contacted and able to provide proof that the wallet belonged to her 16 years ago. The wallet, which contained credit cards, a social security card and a set of car keys was mailed to Bell.

Sept. 26—At 10:14 p.m., a student complained about the smell of alcohol coming from a room in Jefferson Hall. Three roommates, between the ages of 18 and 21, were in possession of and had consumed alcohol. The students were all referred to administration.

Sept. 28—At 12:14 a.m., two 18-year-old male students from Russell Hall were observed stumbling along Sinken Road. They refused to stop when approached by campus police. When they finally stopped, they smelled of alcohol. They both admitted to drinking beer at a party on Wolfe Street. Both students were arrested. At 12:25 a.m., another 18-year-old student from Russell Hall was arrested by Fredericksburg Police for being drunk in public. He was almost charged with resisting arrest. All three students were also referred to administration.

Sept. 28—At 9:43 p.m., police said that Phillip J. Rhodes, 42, of Spotsylvania County, was observed staggering along William Street on college property. He was carrying a case of Bush beer and an open bottle of Vodka. When asked how much alcohol he had consumed, he said "a whole lot." Campus police confiscated the alcohol and Rhodes was arrested.

## What's With The Program?

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program. In 2001, this number grew to 127, and in 2002, it peaked at 203 students.

Martin Wilder, vice president for Enrollment Admissions and Financial Aid, also noted that "There's been pretty dramatic growth at JMC."

He confirmed that the James Monroe Center has not yet turned any qualified prospective students away.

"The facilities at the current James Monroe Center are just about maxed out," Wilder said. "You can go out there any evening of the week and see that every classroom is occupied."

Wilder hopes this problem will be solved with the addition of a second building at the James Monroe Center. According to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Richard Hurley, the Virginia General Assembly has already approved the plans for the second building.

"The second building for the James Monroe Center is identified as a fast track project," Hurley said. "The General Assembly thinks

it's important and needs to be done."

Brayner said the second building will house faculty offices, about 30 classrooms, and an auditorium that will seat around 200 people.

However, the James Monroe Center is already struggling to afford teaching faculty. According to Wilder, the problem has been temporarily solved by hiring adjuncts.

Brayner said that the JMC must have additional full time faculty to continue adding new programs. Also, the James Monroe Center wants to add a second cohort to their new Educational Leadership concentration in the Masters of Education program, this goal is entirely contingent upon their ability to hire new faculty.

Vice President Hurley remains optimistic about the faculty situation.

"It will probably take at least three years to complete the new building and by then hopeful economic recovery and increased enrollment will help us fund the new faculty," he said.

## Honor Council President Resigns

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She added that an apology did not entirely make up for his actions, and that she had to receive counseling from Psychological Services throughout the summer, as well as take antidepressants over the past year. She also said she did not hate Hardin, but thinks that he has made the right choice to leave.

"I feel that everyone makes mistakes, and John made a couple very serious mistakes. Just because you make mistakes does not mean you are a dishonorable person," she said. "I think by leaving John has done the honorable thing."

Hardin said that no one pressured or forced him to leave, and the decision to leave was entirely his own, but he discussed it with his family in Poquoson, Va.

"Sometimes where you are in life and where you're going isn't the place you want to be going," Hardin said. "It's not right here and now. There are so many things I am not satisfied with."

Hardin said that he was not abandoning Honor Council. He said he is making himself accessible if Honor Council members need him for any reason. He also said that if he returns, he has no ruled out becoming involved with it again.

"Just because I'm leaving the Honor Council does not mean I'm leaving it hanging in the

wind," Hardin said. "I take my responsibilities seriously."

Junior Honor Council Vice President Brian Reagan said that the council has been in contact with Hardin, but would not comment on his reaction to Hardin's leaving. All four contacted honor representatives refused to comment.

"We're not saying anything right now," junior Honor Council Representative Vaswan said. "We're just not saying anything."

Reagan did say that he would probably run for president when the position becomes available.

Alumnus and former Honor Council President Andy Painter said that he has never heard of an Honor Council president resigning before.

"Doing that job is the toughest job a student can do," Painter said. "If John feels that this is the right step in this life, it's better that he do this now. It's imperative that we get the best person in that job."

Hardin said he had made his decision last week after he thought about it for several weeks.

"I'd like to say that I had extremely strong leadership skills, and I was very devoted to the Honor Council," Hardin said. "I made the decision [to leave] that was ultimately the right one."



By Lindsay Beaton

## Lack of Funds Keeps Nudists at Bare Minimum

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Searching for Paradise, a nudist organization, is on the market for a new gathering place, but a shortage of money is keeping them from fulfilling their quest. The nudists met at a pool that was part of a scuba-diving business until it was drained for storage space last year, the Associated Press reported. "The spirit is willing. The contributions are weak," said Jim Mills, president of the organization. They need \$250,000 for a down payment, and they have only raised \$10,000 so far. Members include computer programmers, accountants, a writer, a teacher, a salesman and a floral designer, most of whom are men around 40. They are looking for 50-100 acres between Lancaster and Marysville, and say that dealing with neighbors shouldn't be a problem. "We're not going to go in and say, 'Hey, make room for us,'" said Mills. "You won't see anything going on that you wouldn't see at a church social, except that everyone is naked." The group hopes to get more investors soon.

## The Hazards of Sleeping in Dumpsters

AUBURN, Indiana—Chad Dillon, 24, of Noble County fell asleep in a dumpster Thursday night and was dumped into a garbage truck Friday morning, being compacted twice before he was discovered. According to witnesses, screaming was heard in the back of a Waste Management garbage truck as trash was being collected at the DeKalb County Fairgrounds. The driver said that he didn't hear anything and crushed the garbage twice before someone alerted him. After being rescued, Dillon was taken to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was treated for arm, chest and head injuries. He was released on Friday. Dillon said that he couldn't remember anything prior to ending up in the truck, but that he had been drinking at a local bar the night before.

## Robbers Pick Wrong Car To Burglarize

CHICAGO—Two men suspected in a rash of car thefts got busted when they chose an undercover police van as their next target. The police were surveying a commuter parking lot in response to commuters reporting various things stolen from their vehicles, reported the Associated Press. "They were really surprised to see each other," said Police Chief Robert Byrd. The cops noticed Robert Morales, 25, and Fiore Pettrassi, 20, inspecting the van, and didn't move until the two men opened the van's sliding doors. Officer Jessie Watts Jr. pulled his gun on them and told them to step down. The men were charged with theft, criminal trespassing and attempted theft. "We've been successful in setting up surveillance and arresting people for car theft," said Byrd. "But I don't think we have ever had them come into our car."

## Rah! Rah! MWC Sis Boom Bah!

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will be done. The current arrangement is that the various offices are split between Lee and George Washington Halls.

A sum \$1.7 million, will go towards the modernization of Dodd Auditorium and Klein Theater, including getting new equipment and increasing safety of the building.

"There are buildings on college campuses in Virginia that are over 50 years old, and they've never been renovated," said Student Campaign Manager Bennett Smith.

Students at the rally showed their support for the bond, holding up signs that said "Say Yes To Higher Education!" and handing out stickers that said "A Smart Vote."

Jeff Holmes, a sophomore, and Benjamin Kissell, a freshman Senator, said that they both support the referendum. "The more funding, the better," Holmes said. "We've seen the budget cuts for years. It's time for more money."

Staff also showed their support. "I definitely support the issue," said Judy Singleton, the administrative assistant for Student Affairs at the college. "I'm mostly hoping people will hear [Kaine] in a positive way and increase their support [for the bond]."

Kaine stressed the statewide benefits of the referendum, citing the need for larger schools and the creation of jobs as a result of the bond's passing.

"Schools need to be bigger," he said. Estimates into the year 2010 show the numbers of students attending a public or community college in Virginia increasing by an estimated 32,000 students.

"We don't have the physical space, the labs, libraries, classes," Smith said. "What are we going to do? Tell them they're out of luck, or send them to another school? No, we want them here."

The projects funded by the bond money are expected to create roughly 14,000 jobs, helping to stimulate Virginia's economy. There are also no negative financial repercussions expected. Taxes should not increase, tuition fees are not expected to go up and \$1.8 billion in economic activity will be generated by the bond package.

"The time is right [for the referendum]," Smith said. "Interest rates are low; it's good for the economy." Kaine also said that low interest rates make this an ideal time to pass the referendum.

Another big issue at the rally was voting and Kaine stressed the need for the student voice to be heard, saying, "Our only enemy is apathy."

"Have your voice heard!" he said. "We're planting seeds for future generations. Let's make it happen!"

Smith said that he agreed with Kaine. "It's crucial for student voices to be heard, to know that they're serious," Smith said. "This

is a great opportunity for students to get involved."

Meredith Johnston, Student Government Association president, spoke out on why students should vote for the referendum.

"We need to keep our schools in high standing," she said. "The longer we wait to renovate and modernize the schools, the more extensive renovations will become."

According to college officials, there have been three other higher education bond referendums in Virginia. In 1992 Mary Washington received \$121 million, which went towards the construction of the Jepson Science Center and renovations of duPont, Melchers and Pollard Halls. In 1977 the college used \$1.5 million to renovate Monroe. \$532,000 was given to the school in 1968 to add an elevator to George Washington Hall, repair Willard and Monroe Halls, build a new laundry building and build a botanical greenhouse.

The rally was organized by the SGA, College Relations and the President's Office.

The vote will take place on Nov. 5, 2002. The voter registration deadline is Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. The absentee ballot deadline in Oct. 31. Applications for an absentee ballot can be picked up at the Student Government Association office under Seaboard Dining Hall and returned there by Monday, Oct. 7.

## MWC May Go Back To School

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the high school], but it's the very, very beginning stages."

Wright and Hurley both see a long process ahead for the future of James Monroe High. If the school board decides to sell the school, Wright says it will need approval from the city council. Once the plan is approved, the city may hold some public hearings, which Wright says could occur in the next few months.

The college could then bid on the property, and Hurley says that if the school acquires the parcel students should not expect to see much development there in the near future.

"It'll be ten years before we see real change there," Hurley said. "I'll be long gone from here, and you [the reporter] will be having kids."

The last time the college bought property was the Nov. 21 acquisition of the Marye's Heights apartments. In that case the college's real estate foundation paid \$8.75 million to the Silver Company for the William Street complex. The decision came as a response to increased student demand for on-campus housing, and should allow 350 additional students to reside on-campus in August 2003. Many long-time residents of

Marye's Heights moved out of their homes following the college's buyout, and this dislocation became a source of controversy in the Free Lance-Star, with editorials from columnist Larry Evans, students and Fredericksburg residents.

Hurley believes the James Monroe property is desirable not just for its adjacent location but also because no one would have to leave any homes.

If the college does eventually annex James Monroe, Corbin said, "The possibilities for future use are limitless."

## Correction:

In the article "The MWC May Go Back To School," published in the October 3, 2002 issue of the Bulletin, the Resident Association advised the RA Board that the RA Board should not be involved in the dorm room allocation process.

# Viewpoints

your opinions

## FAST FACT:

A poll of five random Mary Washington College students names the robin as being a much cooler state bird than the cardinal.

## Editorial Apology Expected

John Hardin's resignation as Honor Council President was indeed shocking, especially due to the allegations involved with him and his position. However, what is also somewhat shocking is the conduct of the Honor Council members themselves. For every individual contacted, they all declined to comment for *The Bulletin*, except in the case of the vice president who provided the bare details of Honor Council processes.

Of course, it may be sacrilegious for we plebeian reporters to lecture our more "honorable" students, but we'll do it anyway.

As prudent as they may find a self-prescribed gag order to be, the fact of the matter is that the Honor Council is, or at least pretends to be, a government body. Now, no one would argue that government should not be held accountable for its actions. That being said, at one of the most visible times in recent memory for the Honor Council, its members have refused to comment publicly for *The Bulletin* and the college as a whole.

So, in essence, Honor Council members feel that they don't owe the people who elected them an explanation of what's going on with the council and what its elected representatives think about this more recent scandal.

The question of why they won't comment is baffling itself. Only a fool would think that the conduct of one individual reflects on an entire organization, so why should they have anything to fear by commenting? The Honor Council itself has lasted for decades, and one little old "scandal" isn't going to do any permanent damage—freshmen will continue to be indoctrinated each and every year.

Essentially, we're just wondering whose asses the Honor Council is trying to cover, and why they won't talk to anyone?

If the Honor Council has nothing its hiding, and its gag-order is simply a mistake, we urge them to write the campus a letter of apology for not talking to the people who elected them, and we will print it in next week's *Bullet*.

Probably, they won't do that, but if they won't apologize, they should at least explain.

## Faculty Pay Freezes Also Affect Students

STEPHEN J. FARNSWORTH  
Guest Columnist

Normally I enjoy reading *The Bulletin* for the perspective it provides on the important issues of our college. The past "Quality of Student Life vs. Faculty Travel" issue was wrong, wrong, wrong.

Students who want a better education are concerned about how pay freezes affect the quality of their education, and their contacts inside a very real market to attract and retain quality professors in the free market that is higher education.

The recent editorial... was wrong, wrong, wrong."

Stephen J. Farnsworth

The editorial states that faculty research projects often "don't" directly involve the college. "Nothing could be further from the truth. Students are exposed to my research, for example, in every class I teach. Integrating my research into my classes has helped produce five student winners of National political science writing awards at MWC, more than at any other college in the country ("With Honor: Alumna Wins Award," Sept. 19).

But there's more. When faculty members present our research at conferences, publish our articles and write our books, we are helping to put Mary Washington College on the academic map. As the college's reputation grows, so too does the value of an MWC diploma.

It is very troubling that the editors of *The Bulletin* do not understand that attracting and retaining high quality professors are essential to the success of both Mary Washington and its graduates.

Stephen J. Farnsworth is an Associate Professor of Political Science.



## Faculty Research Benefits Both College And Students

JASON DAVIDSON  
Guest Columnist

I commend *The Bulletin* on its coverage of the freeze in faculty-travel funds. I do feel, however, that the editorial in last week's issue ("Quality of Student Life vs. Faculty Travel," Sept. 26) demonstrated insufficient comprehension of the value of faculty research. Faculty travel and research have a direct impact on the quality of instruction at the college and on the college's prestige.

First, when faculty members are

engaged in the broader research community they are more likely to base their teaching on the latest findings in their field. Students suffer when they learn material that is several decades out of date.

Second, the prestige of any institution of higher learning is based on the scholarly production of its faculty. Harvard has the reputation it does because of the quality and quantity of research

by its faculty.

Interestingly, the administration recognizes these two points in its system of rank and tenure, but not in its funding decisions. Our faculty must demonstrate research productivity to attain tenure.

What that means, given the current budgetary situation, is that non-tenured faculty have actually received a salary cut. We must

continue to attend conferences in order to get tenure but we must pay for them ourselves. Imagine the outcry if students were required to play team sports and funding for those sports was eliminated.

I am not suggesting that the College's funding for athletic travel be eliminated. Given that students benefit from faculty research, however, I do think equal cuts in faculty and athletic travel would be the best outcome for all students of the college.

Jason Davidson is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs.

"Imagine the outcry if students were required to play team sports and funding for those sports was eliminated."

Jason Davidson

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## Letters to the Editor Don't Cry Wolf In A Crowded Theater

Dear Editor:

In many disciplines, but particularly in a discipline like theatre, where "convention" can sometimes be a dirty word, being willing to take risks and to open your mind to new (and sometimes unorthodox) experiences is part and parcel of the pursuit of higher learning and, evidently, should be made a formal prerequisite. That said, if you feel you aren't willing to open yourself up, to exhibit a measure of artistic vulnerability, or if you require your professors to keep a respectable five-foot distance from you at all times, the realm of theatre is probably not a good choice for you.

Naturally, opening yourself up to said experiences does not mean allowing for harassment (sexual or otherwise), no matter what major you are in. I am merely saying that just because something is unconventional and may not be what you are accustomed to does not automatically render it harassment, which leads me to my second point: Individuals to whom this applies, please get over yourselves.

If you are going to file a sexual harassment complaint against a professor, be sure that it is indeed harassment and not just your misinterpretation of events that are simply designed to prepare you for life outside of the comfortable little bubble you currently live in.

Crying wolf only makes life harder for those who have legitimate complaints, and scares off

well-meaning professors who now have to worry that any outside-of-the-box instruction may result in some sort of disciplinary action.

Shannon Rinker is a graduate student.

## MWC A Good School, But Not Right Now

Dear Editor:

Last spring I heard the first whispers of financial cutbacks while working on the staff of *The Bulletin*. Pieces were done nearly every week on which areas would suffer under the tyranny of Virginia legislation, which limbs would be pruned from our Mary Washington College money tree. I didn't really pay much attention to the rumors until they came true this year, manifested in a series of setbacks to my personal education. I am frustrated and upset. I was left stranded by what the budget cuts have done to Mary Washington College. They've sunk my battleship; my game is over.

Before you judge me as overdramatic, listen to my little tale of woe: I'm a commuter student, a sophomore interested in English and Italian as possible subjects to teach in public high schools. I couldn't get into the only section of Italian 201 for two reasons; one was a computer failure which unfroze the class spaces meant for myself and other force-adds. The other reason was the budget cut. Because of our lesser income the college decided to size Italian 201 down from a two-section class to a single section.

The room was filled to overflowing the first

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## Bullet Letter and Editorial Policy

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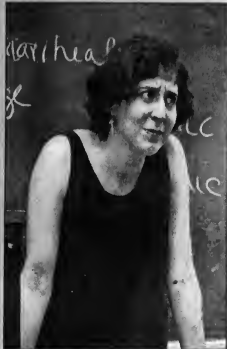


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# Scene

your guide to entertainment

## FAST FACT:

In 2001, a company called Condomania released a Madonna condom, with photos of her on the package.

## coming attractions

▼ **Thurs., Oct. 3:**  
*Poetry reading.* Dr. Foss Reading Percy Shelley. Combs 139 at 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by the English Department. **Free.**

▼ **Wed., Oct. 3:**  
*Poetry reading.* Irish Poet Micheal O'Saidhail. 7:00 p.m., Red Room. **Free.**

## top ten movies

1. Sweet Home Alabama
2. The Tuxedo
3. Barbershop
4. My Big Fat Greek Wedding
5. The Banger Sisters
6. The Four Feathers
7. One Hour Photo
8. Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever
9. Signs
10. Swimfan

*Opening This Weekend:*  
"Red Dragon" featuring Anthony Hopkins and Edward Norton and "Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie."

source: [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com)

## Quote of the Week

"If I had a dress that looked like that, I'd give it away too."

-Kate, "Only You"

# MWC Bands Battle It Out

By PATRICIE NILEY  
Staff Writer

Fifteen minutes into the set for The Solution last Friday night at the Battle of the Bands in the Underground, the Mary Washington College sound technicians were frustrated. Although the opening band had been given extra playing time due to a rough sound check before the show, they had already surpassed that extension and were showing no signs of leaving.

After the sound staff flashed the lights to signal a two minute warning, the band kept playing. After the stage lights were turned off completely, the band kept playing. Even after the sound staff started to mute their instruments, band members Piper Barbre, David Thornton and Parker Mitchell continued with their extended instrumental rendition of the original Mario Bros. theme song.

Polite verbal warnings turned to agitated exclamations from sound technician Rob Brown until Barbre finally gave up and left the stage, still strumming his mandolin as his band mates followed him into the cheering crowd.

The band said they did not feel that the Railing of Here Today was fair.

"This is all because everyone just wants [the band] Here Today to win," said Thornton, a junior. "As they were giving us the proverbial finger, we got more urgent."

Part of the Fall into Fridays semester-long series of events sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Community Services (OSACS), the Battle of the Bands is an annual contest aiming to give all performers in the college community a chance to display their talent for their peers. But what was really at stake was not so much the \$300 grand prize, as the highly coveted title of Mary Washington College's most popular band.

Some bands, like second place winner, sophomore Meredith Munez and her band Pets or Meat, had never before performed as a group, and others, like Here Today, perform at paid shows constantly. For the month of October alone, the band has shows lined up at Longwood University, New Life Community Church in Stafford, and the Fredericksburg Ice Rink.

Barbre and band mates insisted that they were treated unfairly by sound techs who are biased towards more renowned acts, namely crowd favorite and Battle of the Bands winner for the second year in a row, Here Today.

The criticism towards Here Today, a six member pop/rock band formed three years ago, is not limited to the bitterness expressed by The Solutions.

Some of the other students who attended the event shared a popular sentiment that the contest was tilted unfairly in Here Today's favor.



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Junior Michael Shapard belts it out at the Battle of the Bands.

"It's original music on one hand, but derivative on the other. It's not an original style at all. They take a formulaic pop structure, put in their own words, rinse, repeat," senior Gabe Walters said.

Here Today is often compared to Folded Under, the college rock band that dominated the college's music scene for the past four years, until half its members graduated last spring. Although Here Today has not yet attained the extensive fan base familiar to its predecessor, it has begun to experience heightened popularity.

Walters said he felt frustrated that many talented musicians in the school fail to achieve a greater degree of



Jackie Mancini/Bullet

Each band was given 10 minutes to perform.

recognition because they refuse to create music similar to the popular radio hits.

He shared that the competitor, punk rock band This Boy's Trouble is more representative of his musical tastes.

"They write creative and original songs with more intricate arrangements than your standard college fair," he said. "[Here Today's popularity] reflects a lack of diverse musical tastes among the student community," Walters said.

Despite praise from Walters, Brown, and even members of Here Today, This Boy's Trouble failed to place in the competition.

While Here Today's crowd-pleasing status centers on its status of being a typical college pop/rock group, its popularity may also be attributed to other factors.

"I think Here Today definitely has a lock on the competition," Walters said. "And I think a lot of that has to do with the female appeal of [violinist and vocalist] Eddie Dickerson."

Fellow band members said that they agreed. "Ed can't help it if he's good-looking," band member Bryan Holt said, a graduate of Longwood College.

The ability of the members of Here Today to walk out of the Underground with \$300 in their pockets is attributed as much to their own musical talent as to the tastes of the college community.

"They're amateur in the sense that they have no record contract, and they play for whatever coffee houses are willing to pay them," Brown said. "They are always very nice to work with. Anyone who's nice to work with, we will bend over backwards to help them out."

Bias or no, Here Today walked away with their second Battle of the Bands victory in two years, reiterating the well-known fact that what's popular and what's mainstream in the school fail at Mary Washington College.

# Some Like It Hot! Salsa Dancing Comes to Fredericksburg

By JESSICA GOON  
Staff Writer

Driving down Route 3 in Fredericksburg is always an experience. The lights are always red, the gas stations are always packed, and you will always end up driving behind that minivan that is going 15 m.p.h. This is probably the last place you would look for any kind of culture.

But nestled in between Hancock Fabrics and The Factory Card Outlet in the Greenbrier shopping center there is a pleasant little surprise, Goodfellows. Goodfellows is a combination restaurant, bar and dance club that just opened this past summer and on Wednesday nights you can find a lot more culture than you may expect.

Mary Washington College seniors Portia Cooper and Ivan Belmonte are there every Wednesday night from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. teaching salsa dancing lessons.

"Usually we have around seven to 10 people take lessons a week, which is pretty good considering Goodfellows just opened recently," Cooper said.

If you come back Saturday night Goodfellows has what they call International Night, with a salsa dancing competition.

"The competition is really fun to go to, people get really into it," Cooper said. Both Cooper and Belmonte also help to judge the competitions on Saturdays.

Salsa, when translated means "saucy," is hot, spicy, and full of exotic Latin flavor. It is usually danced to Latin music of a medium to fast tempo.

Cooper, a member of the performing arts club, has been salsa dancing since just after high school. She went to the Dominican Republic for a week and she signed up for salsa and meringue dance lessons at her hotel.

"That's when I got my intro to salsa dancing, and when I came to Mary Washington I met some other people who liked to go salsa dancing too," Cooper said.

"The only problem was there was no place around Fredericksburg that offered anything like it. Last year we used to have to go up to D.C. to find a club where they had salsa dancing," Cooper said.

Goodfellows has three dining rooms, a bar and a large dance floor. Behind the long wooden bar is a large black and white photo of four characters from the movie "Goodfellas" where the restaurant got its name. The tables have white tablecloths and pink and white flowers sitting in a vase and salmon colored booths surrounding the main dining room. The walls have large painted Italian landscapes and cities that match the many Italian dishes on the menu. They also have a banquet room that can hold over 200 people. You can also order steak, seafood, or choose from the many

other Mediterranean entrees.

Azilan Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, located in front of the Spotsylvania Mall, also offers a Latin night where they play a variety of Latin music that is perfect for salsa dancing. Now Cooper and her friends have two places they can go out dancing before having to spend precious time and gas hiking up to Washington, D.C.

Look around Mary Washington College's campus for fliers advertising the salsa dancing lessons, or call the restaurant at 540-361-7734 for more details. Goodfellows is located at 2030 Plank Road and is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until 12:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m., and on Sunday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.



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# What Is Your Hidden Talent?



"I do a really good velociraptor impression."

- Mike Plummer, junior



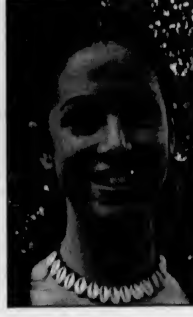
"I can completely unhinge my jaw."

- Kira Glassgow, senior



"I skate and buy cool belt buckles."

- John Thorpe, soph.



"Probably sewing."

- Jen Russell, fresh.



"I look like Jesus!"

- Andrew Haynes, fresh.

## 'Sweet Home Alabama' Is The Ultimate Chick Flick

By ALIZA HASLEY

Staff Writer

It's in the middle of the night, raining, and two 10-year-olds are running on the shores of the lake.

"Why would you want to marry me?" asked a little boy.

"So I can kiss you all I want," replies a small girl.

Lightning strikes.

Fast-forward about 15 years later, Melanie Carmichael, played by Reese Witherspoon ("Legally Blonde," "Cruel Intentions"), is now a famous clothes designer, engaged to a rich handsome man, Andrew, played by Patrick Dempsey ("The Emperor's Club," "Scream 3"). Andrew is the son of the New York mayor, played by Candace Bergen ("Murphy Brown," "Miss Congeniality"), a woman who is quite displeased with the engagement, to say the least. The first twist she is that she is still married to Jake, the boy back home in Alabama. And Andrew does not know it.

So the first thing that Melanie does is go home to get a divorce. The audience then discovers that her roots are white trash. She ran away from home to New York, and reinvented herself from white trash into a New York sophisticate. Twist number two is that Jake does not want to get divorced. Jake, played by Josh Lucas ("A Beautiful Mind,"

"The Deep End"), is the stereotypical homegrown good ol' boy. However, any viewer can see that under the scruff and dirt, Jake has his charms, and he uses them to try and convince Melanie not to get the divorce.

As Melanie tries to convince Jake to give her the divorce, she meets up with her parents, played by Fred Ward and Mary-Kate Place. They hash out dirty laundry and the contrast between the southern country girl and northern sophisticated woman is emphasized. She also runs into old high school friends, living the life she ran away from in the first place.

Among them are Lurlynn, played by Melanie Lynskey, who has a redneck husband and a baby in tow at a bar, and Bobby Ray, played by Ethan Embry ("That Thing You Do," "Can't Hardly Wait"), who lives in a lifestyle that is the basis for her reinvented life. As she reunites with her town, Melanie begins to rediscover some of her own roots.

"Sweet Home Alabama" is a really sweet romantic/comedy with a great cast and a wonderful script. Witherspoon fits the role of a woman with white trash roots trying to reinvent herself in New York. Dempsey is the epitome of the rich guy everyone wants to marry. Lucas is the bright spot of the movie, shining through the dirt on his face. His love for Witherspoon fails to wane throughout the movie, and at one point



photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

Left to right: Patrick Dempsey, Reese Witherspoon, and Josh Lucas star in the movie.

he says to her, "Sometimes, what you're looking for is right where you left it."

Overall, "Sweet Home Alabama" brings alive the contrast between northern briskness and southern hospitality, but keeps it sweet.

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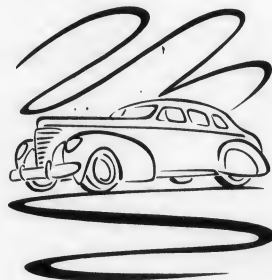
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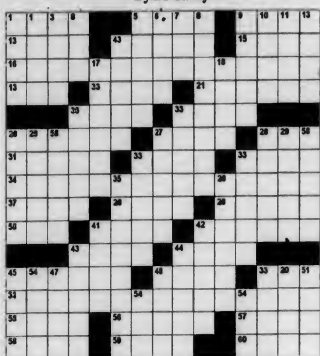
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- 22 Root vegetable
- 23 Whodunit game
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- 28 Gown complement
- 31 Beaver-like
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- 37 Lots
- 38 Sacred
- 39 Dead language
- 40 Foxy
- 41 Squeezes into the schedule
- 42 Frasier, e.g.
- 43 Fine or graphic follower
- 44 Larva and adult go between
- 45 Renter at times
- 48 Uncommon
- 49 Mr. van Winkle
- 52 Decision making time
- 55 Human hinge
- 56 Sharp
- 57 Guitars cousins
- 58 Breaks bread
- 59 Tom Brady's team
- 60 Exam

## Down

- 1 Photos
- 2 Farm unit
- 3 Binge
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- 6 Predictor
- 7 Tiger's quest

## Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



- 8 Beanic
- 9 Glean
- 10 Parasites
- 11 Totem pole, e.g.
- 12 Declare untrue
- 14 Spirited horse
- 17 Directs
- 18 Boxing match
- 22 Sanctify
- 23 Licorice, e.g.
- 24 Off-shoot groups
- 25 Christmas song
- 26 Suffering
- 27 Knitting stitches
- 28 Social class system
- 29 Dodge
- 30 Pincher or whistle lead in
- 32 Binges
- 33 Off Broadway offering
- 35 Breaker
- 36 Run away bride
- 41 Release
- 42 Evil spell
- 43 Residues
- 44 Bygone days
- 45 Superior, e.g.
- 46 Sicily sight
- 47 Proof reader's word
- 48 Defeat disastrously
- 49 Fall tool
- 50 Caesar's fatal day
- 51 Attention getter
- 53 Colt's Dome benefactor
- 54 Ump's call

## Quotable Quote

*Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated; you can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.*

—David George

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## Stripping Down 'Noh Clothes Day'

Dear Editor:

I am writing to clarify a point made in your Sept. 19 article entitled "Sexual Harassment Charge Brought Against Professor." In your article you state that former Theatre student, Mariah Fore, said that "'Noh' (Clothes Day) is in reference to a type of Japanese theatre, and the assignment requires students to come to class dressed in something other than clothing."

This statement seems to imply that the "Noh Clothes Day" assignment in Theater 261, Exercises in Creativity, is somehow connected to the traditional Japanese theatre of the 14th century and that performers in that tradition do not wear "clothing."

I would like to make the point that Noh theatre, rich in tradition, is still performed today and that the actors in Noh dramas wear traditional Japanese clothing.

Oscar Brockett, one of this country's

premier theatre historians, writes that Noh "costumes, rich in color and design, are based on the official dress [of Japan's past] . . . The garments may be divided into four categories: outer garments, garments worn indoors, lower garments, and headaddresses and wigs."

However, if your article's characterization of the Theater 261 assignment is correct, i.e., students coming "to class dressed in something other than clothing," then the assignment does not seem to be about coming to class in traditional 14th century Japanese garb or even a 21st century facsimile of it.

Instead, it appears to me that "Noh Clothes Day" is merely a pun on the English word "no" and has little connection with the traditional Japanese Noh theatre.

Helen M. Housley is a Senior Lecturer in theater.

## You Sunk My Battleship

Student Threatens To Transfer Because Of Budget Problems

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week, with students both on and off the roster listening to whatever lectures they could as they haggled with their schedule. I was one of the unluckies, handed a "sorry, I can't help you" f r o m administration and left with a schedule three credits shy of a full time student.

Too bad my student loan depended on my fulltime student status, right?

After many lamentations and a good deal of groveling, I finally got into another class (five days after it started) to cover my necessary credit bases. I cursed the budget cuts for their evil work in my foreign language and financial life; now I spend my extra time studying alongside the Italian

class so that I can test into what they wouldn't let me have this semester.

Oh, but it gets worse.

Budget cuts are responsible for the Fredericksburg Police



ticket I received the other day, after parking on what I thought was a perfectly legitimate street due to the absolute lack of spaces anywhere else I'm allowed to go.

The parking deck I was so looking forward to is now a crippled and dying idea, thanks to our lack of funds. As a commuter who will probably never live on campus, the idea of no added parking plus construction in the Goolrick lot sends chills up my spine.

Another frightening

thought: this is one of the largest freshmen classes ever. Just think what will happen next year when they bring their cars to the campus!

Mary Washington is an awesome school, when it's properly funded. But right now there are some serious struggles going on, and I personally can't understand why I'm paying for an education that doesn't teach me what I need to learn.

Administrators, leaders, decision-makers, know that I am filling out transfer applications to see whether the bigger schools are handling this business any better. I'm very disappointed and stunned to see how Mary Washington is coping with the budget cuts. Fellow students, has anyone else noticed that something is seriously wrong here?

Valerie Sprague is a sophomore.

## The Weekly Wassup

What to do... Where to go?!

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Commuting Student Association  
5 PM  
Tan Room

Human Rights Club  
Monroe 202  
9 PM

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7:30

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5:00 PM  
Combs 139

"The Social and Economic Impact of Native American Casinos,"  
Red Room 5 PM

Meditation Workshop  
Leidecker Center for Asian Studies  
Trinkle B39  
4:00 PM

Fall Leadership Conference  
9 AM - 4 PM  
Trinkle Hall

SPCA work  
10:30 AM  
Monroe Circle

Polish Lessons  
Noon in the Writing Center

Black Student Association  
5:00 PM  
Meeting Room #4

Historic Preservation Club  
Combs 215  
5 PM

Homeless Shelter Rally  
7 PM  
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History Club Meeting  
Monroe 201  
8:00 PM

5 Alive  
Baptist Student Union  
5 PM

Pre-Law Society  
Monroe 104  
7:30 PM

International Volunteering  
Tan Room 6:30 PM

Michael O'Sullivan  
7:00 PM  
Red Room



# Sweating It Out

MWC Postpones Adding A/C To Dorms Until 2004



Students deliberate outside of Randolph Hall.

Albert Kugel/Bullet

By MARK TUBEN  
Staff Writer

Mary Washington College tabled a \$4 million plan that would have had central air conditioning in place in Mason and Randolph residence halls by the start of the Fall 2002 semester. This tabling means that the two residence halls will not have central air until fall 2004 at the earliest.

According to the Assistant Vice President of Facilities Services John Wiltenmuth, the project will not be considered again until May 2003, at which time the college will again evaluate the possibilities for money received biannually from the state of Virginia.

If it were approved, in addition to central air conditioning, a new fire sprinkler system, window replacement, and new building electrical and heating systems would be added to Mason and Randolph.

The improvements would take place gradually over the summers of 2003 and 2004. Wiltenmuth said that if it is again tabled, as it was in May 2001, the money from the state will be spent by the college in other ways.

Mason and Randolph currently lack sprinkler systems, as do several other buildings on campus, including administration building George Washington Hall. According to Wiltenmuth, this is because at the time the buildings were constructed, building codes did not require sprinklers, and therefore they are not required to have them now. In addition four residence halls on campus have central air, while 13, including Mason and Randolph, do not.

Sophomore Randolph Hall resident Brad Caldwell is affected by the lack of air conditioning in his hall.

"Having air would make it so much easier to live here," said Caldwell, who said the heat has not only affected his sleep schedule, but also his studying.

Seeking a dorm with central air for his junior year will not be a concern, as he has already elected to live off campus. While air conditioning may not be the motive for his move, he said that he will be more comfortable.

Lack of air conditioning is a problem for many residential students, not just those who live in Mason or Randolph halls.

"I wake up sometimes in the morning sweating," freshman Eva Fiastro, a resident of Jefferson Hall said. "Sometimes it gets so hot I have to go sleep in the common area."

The common area in the lobby is the only spot in the hall with air conditioning, and according to Fiastro it is not unusual for other students to grab a blanket and a pillow and sleep there.

There are some students, however, that may need air conditioning in their room due to a health concern. According to Wiltenmuth, there is no list of disabilities that the college

In cases in which a student has a special need, the college can make special accommodations. Wiltenmuth said 15 window units were installed in various dorm rooms across campus at the start of this semester by Facilities Services for students with special needs. The cost to the college for these accommodations is very low, because unless the students live in a room with a standard window unit would create a fire hazard, they provide their own air conditioners.

Yet, those without a specific health problem should not be concerned. "Students in dorms without a/c are at no particular risk," Director of the Student Health Center Nancy Yates said. "We are more concerned with athletes who work in the heat and don't consume enough water."

These views were shared by a representative of the Medical Center of Stafford, who said the college should have no reason to worry about students living in buildings without air conditioning.

Even if it is just for comfort's sake, the college cannot allow students without special needs to use air conditioning window units.

"The buildings are unable to carry that much additional electrical demand," Wiltenmuth said.

That means students sweating through their daily routines will have to hope for a chance to claim a spot in one of the college's three air conditioned upperclassman dorms, New Hall, South Hall, and Willard Hall. Alvey Hall, the fourth residence hall with central air on campus, is for freshmen only.

Aside from the possible renovations in Mason and Randolph, changes to other residence halls are not likely to occur soon.

"No specific plans have been approved for other halls," Wiltenmuth said. "When renovation projects are planned the College evaluates heating, ventilation, air conditioning, structural [concerns], life-safety, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and many other needs."

With the opportunity to examine such approved plans only coming once every two years, it makes less likely for changes to other halls to occur soon.

Yet lack of air conditioning quickly becomes less of a problem as the weather cools.

"It's not that bad anymore," Fiastro said, who also said air conditioning will not be a major factor for her during housing selection, despite earlier inconveniences.

For some of the students fortunate enough to have a/c, Fiastro's attitude may be the right one to have.

"The air conditioning here breaks every year," said Matt White, a senior resident of Willard Hall. "And they always turn it off too early, so when we get a heat wave in the fall we can't even use it."

## Summer Session Turns Around, Profits Plans In Works To Expand Summer Classes

By MARK TUBEN  
Staff Writer

Mary Washington College has reversed a trend of seeing little to no revenue gained on summer school by making a profit on this past summer session.

This turn around in revenue gain for the summer of 2002 was sparked by more student enrollment and more credit hours taken by

students taking summer courses. In light of this recent financial success, plans have been made to expand the summer session in hopes of even more profitable sessions in the immediate future.

"The Fredericksburg campus generated a little over \$20,000 in excess of revenue this summer—the Fredericksburg campus lost money the last two summers," said Susan Stevenson, registrar and director of the Summer Session at Mary Washington College.

In all, the figures for the previous summer sessions pale in comparison to the recent changes in the summer of 2002.

Figures from the Office of the Registrar indicate that in the summer of 2000, there was no revenue gain and that there was a deficit of \$182,000. The summer of 2001 could not make up for the previous session's blunder by only bringing in revenue of \$5,800.

The effect of little to no revenue seen in previous summers is a direct result of the number of students enrolled at the summer session and the amount of credit hours taken. Records from Stevenson show that the summer of 2000 enrolled 1,166 students and only 5,413 credit hours were taken. The trend continued in 2001 where there were only 1,033 students and 5,989 credit hours.

The figures are much improved for the summer of 2002 where an increase in enrollment in students rose to 1,508 students and the number of credit hours taken also increased to 5,989.

## College To Control Downloads

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Most file-sharing programs, such as KaZaA and Morpheus, install themselves with worldwide sharing turned on by default, so it is easy for users to find themselves in serious trouble with the college and copyright holders.

Ray Tuttle, director of Judicial Affairs, said the College plans to send letters to students violating copyright laws to educate them on the seriousness of downloading these files before taking judicial action. The College is still looking at several options for penalization.

"It is possible that the college could be held liable for permitting copyright violations to occur," Tuttle said. "The College or the student could be taken to court and we don't want that to happen."

Downloading files are not only a problem with the law, but it is also a problem for the College's network.

Joseph Haynes, director of Network Services, said that these types of file-sharing programs use a significant portion of the network's resources. Depending on the time of day, downloading files usually take up 70 to 85 percent of internet traffic. This makes it more difficult to access other internet sources such as email, blackboard and other

academic uses, Haynes said. Instead of blocking all access to peer-to-peer files, they limited its available use to 5 percent of the internet traffic, which would slow downloading.

"We're not trying to restrict it to the point where [students] can't do it," Haynes said. "But we had to do it so that things that we need the network for have priority."

Students were not too concerned about the new policy change. "It hasn't really affected me yet," said senior Aziz Yousef. "Everything still comes pretty quickly."

Haynes also explained that when a student installs file-sharing programs they must agree to the terms of the program.

Spyware, an application that records browsing patterns, is included in the installation process and allows them to know what sites you visit the most. They use this information for target marketing, a source of junk mail and pop-up ads, he said. The terms also allow them to use a person's computer and internet service for their profit as a source for other... copy from without any compensation to the computer owner.

Hurley said that his experience at Longwood has warranted some suggestions for the summer session at Mary Washington College to become more profitable, but that all changes in the summer school program rest with Stevenson.

Hurley offered more suggestions to an increase revenue.

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Hurley also said that the school should refuse summer credits taken at other schools. "Plans for the next summer session are basically to build a model off of what happened in the summer of 2002 and what Hurley has suggested for the school."

Stevenson said for the time being, plans for the summer are to advertise more locally to hopefully increase summer enrollment.

Any questions that students may have about classes offered during the summer session for 2003 should either contact Susan Stevenson at the Office of the Registrar in George Washington Hall room 211 or visit their website at <http://www.mwc.edu/reg/>.



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